SUBJECT No. 230.

Free and Compulsory Primary Education.

Messrs. Lakshminarasimhachar, Chamrajnagar Taluk, and M. Venkatakrishnaiya, City Municipality, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The parents in the rural parts being themselves uneducated and uncivilized, are very slow to give education to their children. Consequently a large number of youths who would otherwise become useful to society and country by cultivating their minds are now wasting time and energy in unprofitable and useless concerns. The benefit of education being immeasurable, it is prayed that education may be made compulsory and free in villages, rendering the parents liable to punishment in case they fail to educate their children.

Note.—Mr. Venkatakrishnaiya brings forward the instance of Baroda. He says that Upper Primary should not have any fees. Primary education must be free. Manual training must be taught, and that compulsory education must be experimentally tried.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 231.

Compulsory Primary Education to villagers.

(*a*) Mr. M. Varahaswami Iyengar, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Messrs. Sahukar Nagappa and Manjaiya Uduparu, Nagar Taluk.

(*b*) Mr. Krishna Iyengar, Turuvekere Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) It is desired that the youths of the villages in the State of Mysore should be compelled to read and write; and learn arithmetic up to the primary standard and also that they should be compelled to take up some industrial or professional course such as agriculture, etc;

(*b*) It is prayed that orders may be passed for compulsory vernacular education.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 230.

SUBJECT No. 232.

Contract of school works to villagers.

Messrs. Srinivasa Rao and Rama Rao of Malur.

Summary of discussion.—In large villages, if the villagers agree to contribute one-fifth of the estimated cost for the construction of the schools and deposit the same in cash or if respectable persons stand surety for the contribution, the Government may be pleased to sanction the estimate and give the work on contract to the influential residents of the villages.

Reply of Government.—The reply of 1904 holds good. The villagers must come forward and help also.

SUBJECT No. 233.

Scholarships to Malnad students.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., L.L.B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Scholarships may be given on a liberal scale to Malnad students studying for F. A. and B. A. Examinations.

Reply of Government.—The subject has been given very liberal consideration.

SUBJECT No. 234.

Religious Education in Hindustani Schools.

Mr. Abdul khalic, of Chikmagalur Municipality.

Member was absent but Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya spoke.

Summary of discussion.—It has been ordered that religious education be eliminated from the course of study in all Government and Aided Schools in the State. As Mahomedans are the only class who attend Hindustani Schools, the teaching of that religion does not affect any other sect. If religious education be ignored, the boys will be left